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For Possession of the Village of Pozieres and the Road Leading to Bapaume

GREATER PART OF VILLAGE IS IN THEIR HANDS

Fighting is Less Vicious Along the British Front From Thiepval to Guillemont—Comparative Calm Prevails South of the Somme Along the French Line—In the Verdun Region the French Have Occupied a German Redoubt West of Thiaumont—German Troops Have Been Removed From the Verdun Front for the Somme Operations—Russians Are Reported to Have Made Big Gains Against the Germans in the Riger Region of Russia—Italians Have Continued Their Advances Against the Austrians—Premier Asquith Has Asked the British Parliament for an Additional Credit Vote of 450,000,000 Pounds Sterling.

At Pozieres the Australians are still fighting furiously with the Germans for possession of the village and the head of the road leading from it to Bapaume and the greater part of the village is now reported to be in their hands. There has been a diminution in the vicious fighting which began Saturday night along the British front from Thiepval to Guillemont. A condition of comparative calm prevails south of the Somme along the French line, where the only fighting reported—and that a minor engagement—resulted in the French capture of a German battery south of Estrees. Eastward, in the Verdun region, the French have occupied a German redoubt west of Thiaumont, taking with it five machine guns and two scores of prisoners. Berlin still asserts that the only result of the British attack Sunday along the Thiepval-Guillemont line was the penetration of a few houses in the village of Pozieres and that the Australians obtained these only after having suffered sanguinary losses. That German troops have been removed from the Verdun front for the Somme operations is apparent from the German statement that Brandenburg grenadiers of "document fame" defeated the British in the fight Sunday at Longueval. Although unofficial reports have credited to the Russians big gains against the Germans in the Riger region of Russia, neither the Petrograd nor Berlin communications have as yet recorded any important changes in terrain there. Petrograd claims the dislodgment of the Germans from the village of Galichanka, on the Lipa river, in Volhynia, while Berlin says that near the Galician border in southern Volhynia strong attacks by the Russians against the German line were repulsed. The German statement of Sunday left the French front to observe operations in the east. Progress against the Turks in the Erzerum region of Turkish Armenia, while to the south, along the Persian front, the British have had some success, the British report that they have gained fresh successes over the Russians. The Italians in the Anzio and Aviano regions of the Austro-Italian theatre report continued advances against the Austrians. Premier Asquith has asked the British parliament for an additional credit vote of 450,000,000—the largest requested since the beginning of the war.

N. Y. POLICE COLLECT GRAFT FROM DISORDERLY HOUSES

\$60,000 in Eighteen Months in One Inspection District

New York, July 24.—Fifty thousand dollars in graft was collected in eighteen months prior to July 1 from one inspection district by a coterie of officials and members of the New York police department. It was charged tonight by Deputy Assistant District Attorney James B. Smith. An investigation, which already has resulted in the indictment of five policemen, disclosed, according to Mr. Smith, that assessments have been levied on keepers of disorderly houses in many parts of the city. Positive information, it was said, has been furnished to the district attorney of at least twenty houses where graft was collected. Coincidentally, charged that prisoners had been "framed" and beaten by the police in "star chamber" sessions. Mr. Smith asserted that two women who figured in a "white slave" case were in a serious condition as a result of beatings they received at the hands of the police.

WILL GET PORTION OF HETTY GREEN ESTATE

Descendants of Gideon Howland Allowed About \$1,250,000.

New York, July 24.—The descendants of Gideon Howland, grandfather of the late Mrs. Hetty Green, will participate in the distribution of approximately \$1,250,000. It was announced tonight by Frank D. Washington, counsel for some of the several thousand heirs. Mrs. Green was trustee of a fund bequeathed to her by her aunt, Miss Sylvia Howland, granddaughter of Gideon Howland. Miss Howland provided that upon Mrs. Green's death the amount should be distributed among the descendants of Gideon Howland.

COMMUNION SERVICE ON STEAMER NECKAR

For the Captain and Crew of the German Submarine.

Baltimore, Md., July 24.—A communion service was held tonight on the Interden North German Lloyd steamer Neckar, lying alongside the submarine Deutschland, for the captain and crew of the submarine. Rev. Otto Apitz, German immigrant missionary, conducted the service. In his prayer he asked that the vessel and her crew may have a safe voyage home. The service was followed by a banquet. The Neckar was brilliantly lighted.

MEXICAN AND MASSACHUSETTS GUARDMEN EXCHANGE SHOTS

General Funston Has Asked General Bell for a Report on the Matter.

San Antonio, Tex., July 24.—General Funston has asked General Bell for a report on the reported exchange of shots by Mexicans and the Massachusetts guardsmen last night. Neither the incident nor the protest made by General Gomez have been reported to department headquarters.

Cabled Paragraphs

David Lloyd George Offered to Resign London, July 24.—The Daily News reports that David Lloyd George, in view of the failure of the recent negotiations in which he was the chief agent, offered to resign his office.

MEXICAN OUTLAWS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXCHANGE OF SHOTS

General George Bell, Jr., Has So Notified General Gonzales.

El Paso, July 24.—General George Bell, Jr., commanding the El Paso military district, tonight notified General Francisco Gonzales, commandant in Juarez, that his reports indicated that six outlaws, who sympathizers have been responsible for the recent exchanges of shots between Massachusetts national guardsmen in this vicinity and Mexicans south of the frontier. These outlaws, General Bell's information said, have a rendezvous on "the island," a bit of Mexican territory, a few miles below El Paso, left on the American side of the river when the Rio Grande formed a new channel. He suggested that General Gonzales take steps to break up the band. Both General Bell and General Gonzales tonight continued their investigation of last night's exchange of shots between outposts of the Ninth Massachusetts Infantry and reports that the Americans had crossed into Mexican territory. During the day the two commandants exchanged several times through General Bell's Mexican consul at El Paso, with a view of eliminating the sniping below El Paso. General Bell announced that he had protested to General Bell against the conduct of the militiamen, which was said, crossed into Mexican territory yesterday morning in violation of Mexican rights and last night shot up without provocation and without orders on the Mexican side of the border.

General Bell said, however, that Mr. Garcia had communicated with him by telephone and that he did not regard the conversation in the nature of a protest, but rather a notification that the Mexican authorities were willing to co-operate in every way to eliminate possible chances of friction between the two armies.

MAINE PRIMARY FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

Former Governor Fernald in Lead for Republican Nomination.

Portland, Me., July 24.—Former Governor Bert M. Fernald of Poland had a lead of 800 votes over Congressman Frank E. Gurnea in the Republican nomination for United States senator at today's primary, according to unofficial returns. Fernald, a third of the state, midnight, the vote was very light, being less than one third of that cast at the regular June primary. The vote was 1,000 for the republican candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, Kenneth C. M. Sullivan, and 1,000 for the democratic nomination without opposition.

26 NEW CASES OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Reported in Empire State Outside of Greater New York.

Albany, N. Y., July 24.—In the 24 hours ending at 3 p. m. today, 26 cases of infantile paralysis outside of Greater New York were reported to the state department of health, the first since the epidemic broke out in the city of New York to date. The cases were reported from 23 counties, two of which were reported today.

JUNE RECORDS FOR POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITS

Net Gain of \$3,800,000 Over Same Month Last Year.

New York, July 14.—June records for postal savings deposits were compiled last month when a net gain of over \$3,800,000 was reported, surpassing the net increase for June, 1915, according to figures made public by the post office today. The gains were general throughout the country, notably in the smaller industrial centers. Postmasters attributed the increase, it was stated, to the countrywide prosperity of wage earners and to the legislation of May 15 last which increased the limit of deposits from \$100 to \$1,000 a month.

OBITUARY.

Jose Maria de Herrera.

Havana, July 24.—Jose Maria de Herrera, a Cuban exile, died today at the age of 89 years. The funeral was attended by a great concourse of officials of the government and representatives of the Cuban community. As a grandee of Spain, the count was a member of the Spanish senate and a member of the Cortes. While his sympathies had been with the Cubans he never took part in the hostilities with the mother country. Two daughters and one son, to whom the title now descends, survive.

\$13,000 REWARDS FOR SAN FRANCISCO'S BOMB MEN

Persons Responsible Said to Be Part of a Nation-wide Body.

San Francisco, Calif., July 24.—Rewards amounting to \$13,000 had been offered today for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of the bomb explosion which killed six persons and injured 42 in San Francisco last night. The reward was offered by the federal government, which asserted today that the persons responsible for the explosion are part of a nation-wide movement against government and that their activities are not confined to this city. It also stated that local authorities expected federal co-operation in the hunt for the perpetrators.

FIFTEEN MEN REPORTED KILLED BY GAS

In New Water Works Tunnel in Cleveland—Eighteen Overcome.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 24.—Fifteen men are reported killed and eighteen overcome by gas in the new water works tunnel extending from shore to the West Side crib tonight. Two bodies were recovered today. Firemen and the life saving crew have gone to the rescue.

British Blacklist of Americans

DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES ARE IN AN INQUIRY STAGE

THE POINTS IN DISPUTE

Neither Side Has Had a Chance Fully to State Its Position—British Ambassador at Washington Has Cabled for Information.

London, July 24, 6.10 p. m.—Diplomatic exchanges between Washington and London with regard to the British blacklist have not yet passed the stage of inquiry. As the result of his talks with Frank D. Asquith, acting secretary of state, the British ambassador at Washington, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, has cabled to the Foreign Office asking for an elucidation of several points in the blacklist not understood by the state department.

Page to Confer With Marquis of Crewe. Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador in London, who already has visited the British foreign office on the subject of the blacklist, will confer tomorrow with the Marquis of Crewe, the favorite leader in the house of lords, and Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade. At the foreign office it was stated today that it was quite incorrect to say a grave situation had been reached.

No Protest Has Been Made. Nothing in the nature of a protest has yet been received and neither side has had a chance to fully state its position. The British foreign office will rely on the doctrine that a nation has the undisputed right to legislate as regards its own citizens. The information received from the state department will rely greatly on precedents established in the American Civil war and the Spanish-American war.

GREAT BRITAIN'S COMMERCIAL BLACKLIST

Will Call Forth Vigorous Action by Washington Authorities.

Washington, July 24.—Administration officials gave further evidence today that they were preparing to take vigorous action against the British blacklist. American firms through Great Britain's promulgation of a commercial blacklist, which would prohibit the export of goods to the United States, were being considered. President Wilson told cabinet members he was much concerned over the matter. He said that the blacklist was a violation of the law and that there were indications at the state department that some step might be taken soon unless a reply was forthcoming from the British government.

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MOTION BY JOHN REDMOND VOTED DOWN

Premier Asquith Denies That Any Partiality Was Shown.

London, July 24, 11.42 p. m.—A significant remark was made in the house of commons today by Premier Asquith at the conclusion of a debate on a motion for adjournment made by John Redmond, leader of the Irish nationalists, who had introduced a bill for Ireland with regard to which there was no substantial agreement among all parties. In appealing to the nationalists not to throw away the opportunity for bringing home rule into immediate operation, Mr. Asquith said:

"I ask the house and will ask the country if necessary, if the government's proposals are not fair."

Just before the vote Mr. Redmond was voted down, Mr. Asquith directly addressed the nationalists, declaring that the government had been shown to either side during the negotiations. Mr. Asquith declared that the government had been shown to either side during the negotiations. Mr. Asquith declared that the government had been shown to either side during the negotiations.

FLEET OF WARSHIPS PATROLLING THE CAPES

Said to Be Hidden in Unfrequented Waters of Southern Drilled Grounds.

Norfolk, Va., July 24.—Although the rumor that a fleet lay behind the warships patrolling the capes lacked verification, it was believed it was true. They advanced the theory that a considerable force of warships was being kept in the vicinity of the capes, ready to move at a moment's notice. The fleet was said to be hidden in the unfrequented waters of the southern drilled grounds, forming a second line for inspection of the capes. The fleet was said to be hidden in the unfrequented waters of the southern drilled grounds, forming a second line for inspection of the capes.

FALL PROVES FATAL TO BRIDGEPORT CLERGYMAN

Fell From Upper Floor of Engine House While Taking a Photograph.

Bridgeport, Conn., July 24.—Lewis L. Zboray, aged 49, a Baptist minister, died today in a local hospital as a result of a fracture of the skull suffered in a fall on Sunday through the circular opening at a sliding pole in the engine house of the city.

PROGRESSIVE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

Chairman Joseph W. Alsop to Issue Call for Next Week.

Hartford, Conn., July 24.—Chairman Joseph W. Alsop of the Connecticut progressive state central committee, tonight issued a call for a meeting of the committee for next week. It was understood this is due to pressure brought to bear by certain members of the committee who wish to have representation by a delegate at the progressive convention in Chicago Aug. 5. They say they do not believe being "turned over to the republicans."

Five Sharks Caught in Buzzards Bay

New Bedford, Mass., July 24.—Five large sharks, four of them more than 10 feet long, were caught today in fish traps at Buzzards Point in Buzzards Bay.

Home Rule for Ireland Deferred

CABINET HAS BEEN UNABLE TO REACH A DECISION

NEGOTIATION A FAILURE

Stumbling Block Appears to Have Been Retention in Imperial Parliament of Undiminished Nationalist Representation.

London, July 24, 5.20 p. m.—Confirming publicly today the suspicion that the cabinet had been unable to reach a decision in regard to the home rule amending bill, Premier Asquith in the house of commons announced that the government would not introduce any bill of this kind with regard to Ireland, but that no substantial agreement among all parties.

David Lloyd George Falls. This was taken in the lobbies of parliament to mean that home rule had been dropped for the moment and that David Lloyd George's negotiations had come to naught.

The stumbling block appears to have been the retention in the imperial parliament of nationalist representation in undiminished numbers.

Lively Debate Anticipated. John Redmond, leader of the nationalists, moved an adjournment of the house to discuss the premier's responsibility and a lively debate when the matter of the retention of commons was concluded was anticipated.

Growing Feeling of Uneasiness. The discussion of Mr. Redmond's motion to adjourn the house of commons in order to call attention to the growing feeling of uneasiness in Ireland and the explosion of the nationalist situation which must result from the government not proposing to carry out its policy of home rule offered by it for a settlement of the Irish difficulty as accepted by the Irish parties began at 6.15 p. m.

Statement by Mr. Redmond. The Irish nationalist leader declared he did not want to attack anybody, but merely to state the facts, which he said were the basis of the cabinet's decision. He said that when two months ago Premier Asquith had returned from Ireland and announced that the present system of government was broken down and said the cabinet had unanimously requested Mr. Lloyd-George to introduce a bill for home rule, he had been told that the cabinet had decided to postpone the bill until the end of the war.

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Condensed Telegrams

Cardinal Gibbons celebrated his 83d birthday.

Sergius Sazonoff, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, resigned.

Mrs. Hetty Green left an estate of approximately \$100,000,000.

A million-dollar campaign fund is planned by the Prohibition Party.

An additional case of infantile paralysis, the fourth in Derby, was reported.

Lambert Lester of Brooklyn, was drowned while swimming at Coney Island.

Harvard University has disposed of the College House, one of its oldest dormitories.

The old training ship Severn left Panama for Norfolk, in tow of the collier Neagus.

A white shark, one of the most vicious of the shark family, was caught in Jamaica Bay.

An unidentified body was picked up off the Standard Oil Company's pier at Bayonne, N. J.

Orders have been placed by the War Department for 12 aeroplanes for the United States army.

John Henry Cook, of New York, Civil War veteran and president of the G. W. Dillingham Co., died.

Six persons were shocked and many buildings struck during an electric storm at Amesbury, Mass.

Fog interfered with the standardization trials of the United States torpedo boat destroyer Roman.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the English suffrage leader, left for England on the Cunard liner Saxonia.

Smith Taylor was arrested at Rockland, Me., charged with the murder of Judge Hollis, of Centerville, Ala.

As the result of a collision between two automobiles at Hempstead, N. Y., four persons were severely injured.

General aviation headquarters on the largest field in the country will soon be established near Amityville, L. I.

Col. Louis D. Conley, former commander of the 69th Regiment, arrived at New York from the Mexican border.

Thirty-seven dealers in foodstuffs have been arrested in Bayonne, N. J., for failure to protect their goods from flies.

The British steamer Penrit Castle, from Baltimore via Newport News and Colobor for Vladivostok, is ashore near Muroran, Japan.

Contributions to the fund of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief during the past week amounted to \$36,075.51.

The Mexican Commission to settle the difficulties with the United States will consist of Luis Cabrera, Alberto Pam and Roberto Penquira.

President Wilson and Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, held a conference, discussing campaign arrangements.

Carl D. Sheppard, a Washington newspaperman, has been chosen political secretary to Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for President.

Because of a more peaceful outlook on the Mexican border, Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill amended so as to cut out \$35,582,395.

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PRUDENTIAL EMPLOYEES ON STRIKE

Agents and Collectors of Insurance Company Called Out by Recently Organized Union

DEMAND BETTER PAY AND UNION RECOGNITION

Strike Followed the Company's Dismissal of Thirty or Forty Employees Who Had Formed a Protective Association—At Least 500 Men in the New York District Have Responded to the Call—Telegrams From Branches in Different Cities East of Chicago Indicate That Unless the Demands of the Men are Met 6,000 Will Follow the Lead of Those Now Out.

New York, July 24.—Agents and collectors employed by the Prudential Insurance Co. of Newark, N. J., went out on strike today by a union recently organized among them and known as the International Insurance Agents' Protective association, with a membership of 9,000. Although claims of the company and the union were conflicting, it appeared tonight that at least 500 men in this district have responded to the strike call thus far.

The Original Grievance. The strike followed the company's dismissal of 30 or 40 employees who had formed a protective association and the refusal of the company today to receive its representatives. The original grievance was the dismissal of the men who were replaced by experienced men. The company announced that none of the men who walked out would be reinstated under any circumstances.

The men demand better pay, recognition of the union and "more reasonable" working hours. Telegrams from branches of the union in different cities in the territory east of Chicago, leaders here declared, indicate that unless the demands of the men are met all the 6,000 will follow the lead of those already on strike. The union claims that the company is employing by the company collectors throughout the country.

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THOUSANDS VIEW BODY OF JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

Crowds Assembled Long Before Doors of State House Were Opened.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 24.—Thousands of men, women and children, admirers of the works of James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, passed before the casket in which his body lies in state in the Indiana state house today. The crowd had assembled long before the doors of the state house opened at 3 o'clock. The casket was placed in the hall and although about 75 persons a minute were admitted to the building at 3 o'clock, the waiting throng became greater as evening approached.

The casket was covered with three flags—the